

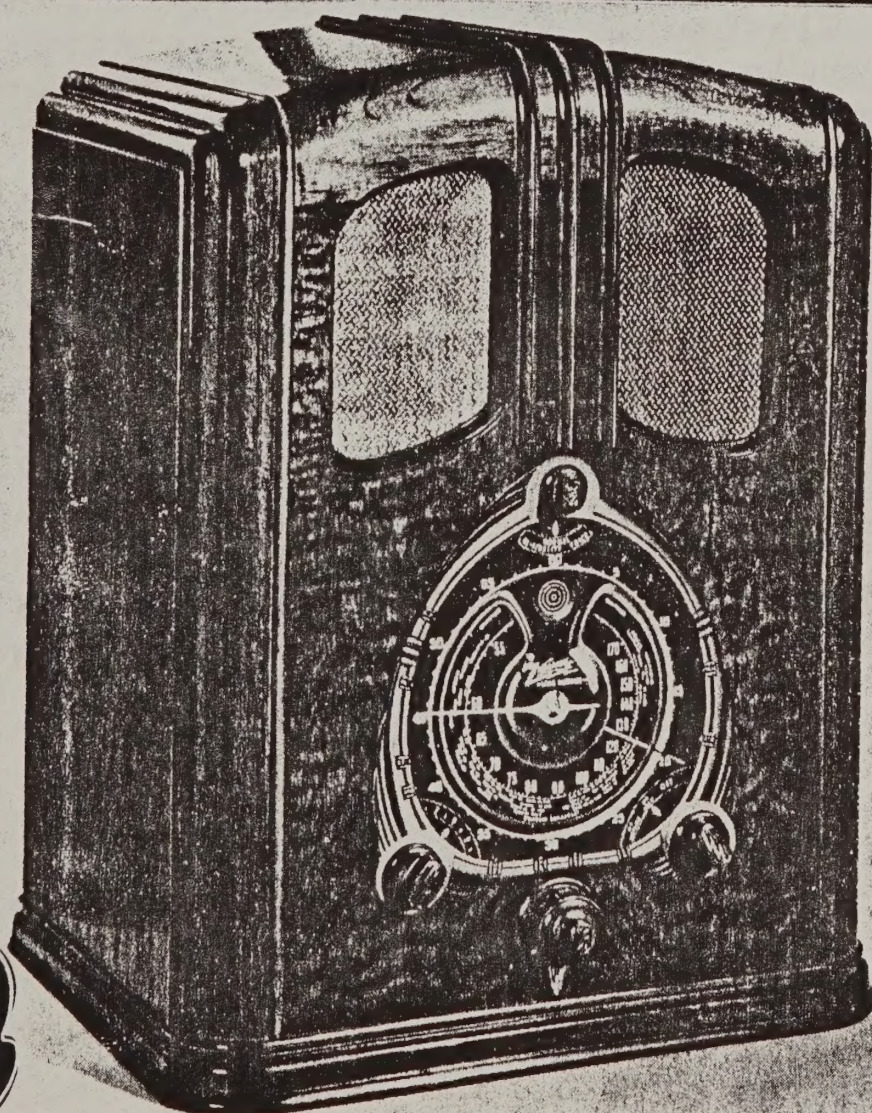


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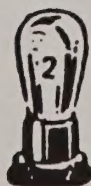
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The President's Page

I received the following letter from the Director of the Forestry Center in response to the thank you letter that I wrote on the Society's behalf:

Dear Mr. Howard:

The World Forestry Center was delighted to have been the site for the showing of vintage radios. We thank you for the cooperation and assistance so generously provided by the Northwest Vintage Radio Society for the "Memories in Wood" display.

Certainly, the show had a significant educational impact. It spoke about the development of commercial radio and it imbued visitors with an appreciation for the instruments that brought radio into our homes.

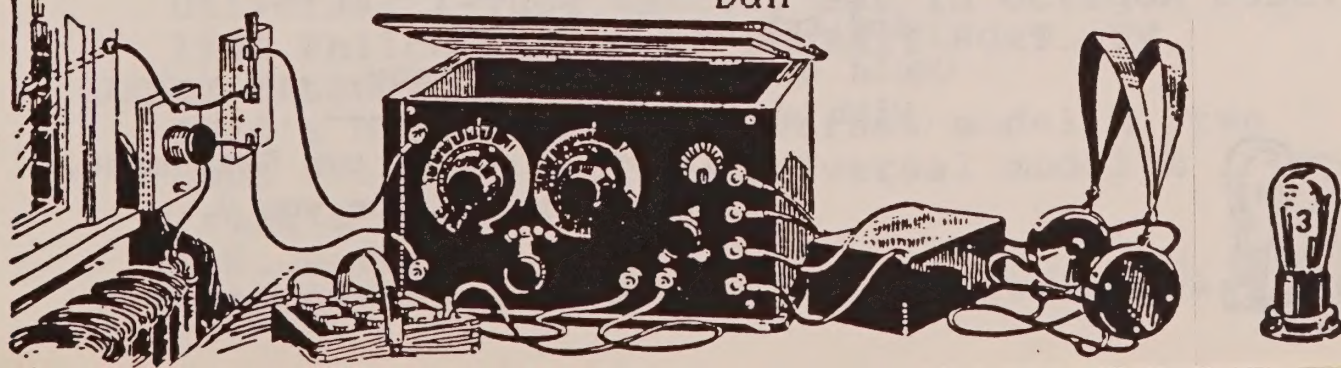
We thank you and the Society for allowing the World Forestry Center to be a part of this successful, educational display.

Sincerely,
John L. Blackwell
Executive Director

I hope to see many of you at the swap meet this month. From my discussions with collectors in Seattle, I expect that several of them will be coming down.

See you soon,

Dan
Dan





ATMOSPHERICA

By J

The Opportunist?

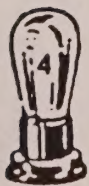
Gnats are in the varnish--
There's sand mark in the grain--
And you can see the shading
Where he goofed the color stain.
And he'll put it on the block
When the Swap-meet comes again.

The crystal in the holder
Is a broken hunk of glass ;
But what the Heck's it matter,
The green coil shows the class !
And he'll sell it for a bundle
When the Swap-meet comes to pass.

The cone of the Peerless speaker
Is faulty, here and there,
But Scotch tape on the ribs
Will make it medium rare !
Should bring a pretty penny
At a Swap-meet anywhere.

He says it's not important
If the chassis is rusted black,
As long as the model number
Is emblazoned on the back !
Someone will surely grab 'er
At the Swap-meet, that's a fact.

When you read these verses o'er
And try to figure who
Could be the culprit anyway,
With such a callous view---
I'll bet high, at our Swap-meet,
It won't be me! or you ?



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 11 A.M. SWAPMEET NWVRS OREGON CITY SWAPMEET CHRS 7AM FOOTHILLS
15 PSARA SWAPMEET 11 A.M. SEATTLE WASHINGTON	16	17	18	19	20	21 SCARS & AWA SWAPMEET 7 A.M. TORRANCE CA
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	May 1988 NWVRS COMING EVENTS FOR 1988 MAY.....14..SWAP MEET JUNE.....11..DISPLAY OF THE OLDEST ITEMS IN YOUR COLLECTION JULY & AUGUST..SUMMER VACATION SEPTEMBER..10..AUCTION OCTOBER.....8...AMATEUR DISPLAY NOVEMBER....12..SWAP MEET DECEMBER....10..ELECTION/PARTY			

Ole!

DOUG DAVEE

1931 General Electric K-82 Grandfather Clock/
Radio, Top of the line & rare!

JIM MASON

- 1928 Bremmer Tully Counterphase AC table set.
- 1936 Zenith 5S-127 Ebony Case Tombstone.
- Humidor Crystal set. Jewell Crystal set.
- 1950 Pye multiband Canadian table radio.
- Universal 1-Tube battery set in Octagon case.
- 1960 Philco Safari AC-DC-BATT-PORT. TV.

JERRY TALBOTT

1920's Microphones: Universal model E (two
tube overhead style), Universal model X
(ring & button).
A.K. Detector unit.



NWVRS Meeting Minutes

NWVRS MEETING APRIL 9, 1988 Was called to order at 11:15 AM by Vice President C.E. Clutter.

The TREASURER'S REPORT was given and accepted with a current balance of \$1402.25.

Among the Guests welcomed today was a reporter from the Oregonian newspaper researching material for a future article on our club.

GOOD AND WELFARE: We were all glad to hear from Larry Callahan today and that he's recovering well from surgery.

OLD BUSINESS: The coffee and doughnut concession is still available to volunteers. Treasurer Ed Charman announced that hard-cover copies of "Radios-The Golden Age" had arrived and that paperbacks were on back order.

NEW BUSINESS: Jerry Talbott met with Jon Fessler at the KPIX (AM-1290) studios and discovered a possible site for future club gatherings. The club voted on purchasing a three volume series about radio manufacturers of the 1920's. The feature of June's meeting will be a display of the oldest items from members collections. Beginning in September meetings will begin an hour earlier at 10:00.

APRIL CONTEST RESULTS:

AC sets 1927 to 1933

Superhetrodyne:

1st - 1931 Ecophone 60	Jim Mason
2nd - 1933 Colonial 400	C.E. Clutter
3rd - 1931 Philco 70B	Ray Nelson

T.R.F.:

1st - 1928 Pierce Airo (Dewald)	Ray Nelson
2nd - 1929 Crosley	C.E. Clutter
3rd - 1927 Atwater Kent 36	C.E. Clutter

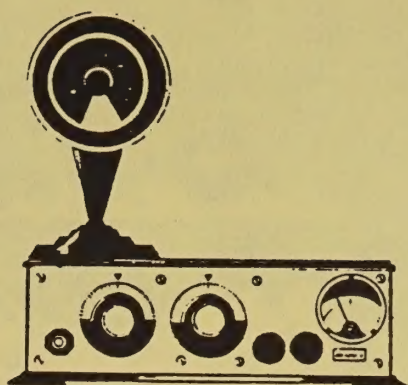
LEADS AND NEEDS were given.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40.

Norris W. Jackson
Norris W. Jackson,
Secretary



NORTHWEST VINTAGE RADIO SOCIETY



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Portland, OR 97202

SWAP MEET

Buena Vista Club House
16th & Jackson
Oregon City, Oregon

Saturday, May 14, 1988
11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.



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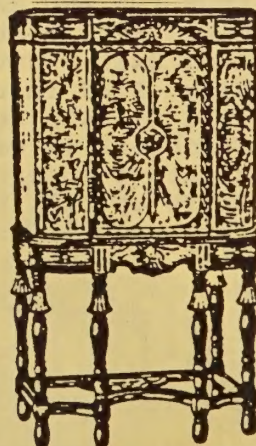
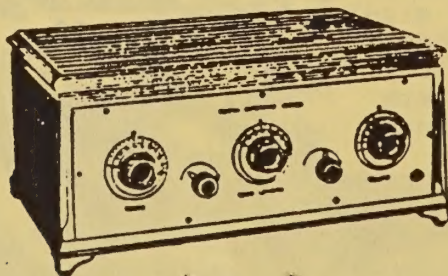
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ACTIVITIES: Monthly meetings are held the second Saturday of the month, except in July and August, at the Buena Vista Clubhouse, in Oregon City at 16th and Jackson Streets, at 11:00 AM. Two Swap Meets (Fall and Spring) and three buy/sell auctions are held each year. Each meeting (unless preceding a swap meet) features a topical exhibit of radio (or radio-related) apparatus, with first, second, and third prizes awarded for best items in the category. Members are dedicated to the preservation and restoration of antique radio apparatus. The meetings are an opportunity to exchange information and advice.

OFFICERS: The Executive Board consists of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and a Member-at-Large.

DUES: Regular (voting) members' dues are \$ 15.00 per calendar year. Associate (subscribing) members' dues are \$ 12.00 per year (this membership is available only to persons living 100 miles or more from Oregon City). New members joining during the year pay dues prorated through December of that year. Dues entitle a member to receive the CALL LETTER monthly (plus a copy of the roster and telephone list), and to place an unlimited number of free "Unclassified Ads" in that publication. Members are also invited to contribute articles, clip art, etc. to the CALL LETTER.

PUBLICATION: The CALL LETTER is issued monthly. It contains news of Society activities, articles by members, vintage radio clippings, the "Unclassified Ads", and lots of miscellany. A limited number of display ads by dealers in old radio parts, antiques, etc., who support the Society's cause are included.



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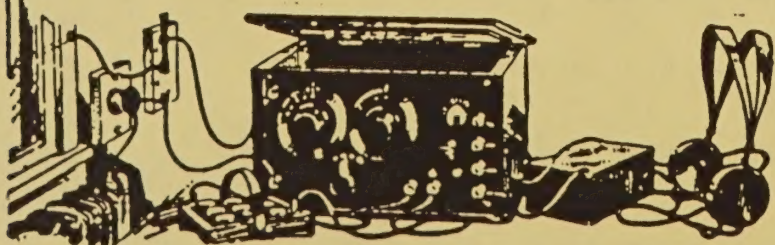
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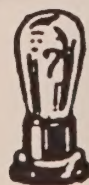
***** NWVRS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS *****

Mr. Max Kaplan
Mr. Gerard F. Moseley
Mr. Gerhard K. Watzig

EDITORIAL

Ray Nelson is recovering well from an unexpected appendectomy. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Possible consolidation of the Horn of Plenty & Call Letter is again being considered. Bulk Mail would allow us to send as much as we can afford to print, for less postage per copy. Currently, the Horn of Plenty and Call Letter are the only known monthly antique radio publications in the west.



Radio Notes

Radio Looses Again

In it's loosing battle against death radio looses again.

Clarence Hartzel

Best remembered for the part of *Uncle Fletcher* in the show *Vic and Sade*, Hartzel also played Ben Withers on *Lum and Abner*, Cottonseed on *The Road to Danger*, and Mr. Watt on *Those Websters*. Mr. Hartzel died March 5th.

Helen Wood

If you listened to Radio in the thirties and forties you probably heard Helen Wood and didn't know it. She played many parts on *Lux Radio Theater*. Helen recently dies at the age of seventy.

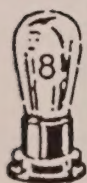
Wendle Noble

Mr. Noble was heard on radio with character actors like Lou Merrill, and June Foray. His credits include *Smilin' Ed's Buster Brown Gang*, and he was Steve Allen's announcer on *Smile Time*. He died February 10th. His wife resides in Sequim, Washington.

Milton Arthur Caniff

Milton Caniff originated the characters of the radio show *Terry and the Pirates* in his comic strip of the same name. Many may recognize him as the author of *Steve Canyon* which can still be seen in newspapers today. *Terry and The Pirates* came to radio November 1st, 1937 written by Albert Barker and closely followed the strips penned by Caniff. Mr. Caniff died April 3rd, 1988 at the age of 81.

Radio Notes is provided courtesy of S.P.E.R.D.V.A.C., the Society to Preserve and enjoy Radio Drama, Variety, And Comedy, 443 AppleTree Ct. Camarillo, California 93010.



Radio Waves *and sheds a tear*

By Dick Karman

A great man in radio died last month. Though we knew him as Fibber McGee, his name was Jim Jordan. Born a Peoria, Illinois farm boy in 1896, James married his childhood sweetheart, Marian Driscoll (Molly), in 1918.

Remembered for their place in the history of radio, the Jordans began in vaudeville making \$35 a week. Fibber seldom let anyone forget that he "and Fred Nitney had a vaudeville act in Peoria". After the birth of their daughter Kathryn, Jim and Marian took the act on the road. When Jim Jr. was born Marian's job as mother slowed the *show biz* progress. In 1924, as the singing team the O'Henry Twins, the Jordans first appeared on radio.

To quote author and Old Time Radio aficionado, John Dunning, "By 1927, they had begun to carve out a niche for themselves in radio. Never again, as long as radio was alive and well, would they find themselves without work."

Singing as the *O'Henry Twins*, comedy as *The Air Scouts*, acting as a Ma and Pa grocery team in *Smackouts*, were all behind them when Johnson's Wax picked them up. During high peaks like April 1941, Fibber McGee and Molly topped the popularity rating above even Jack Benny. There were low times, too. During the war years Bill Thompson joined the Navy, Gale Gordon went into the Coast Guard, and Hal Peary, believed to be one of the first spin-off shows, left *Wistful Vista* for his own show in *Summerville*. Seven voices left during these years. Some of them were sorely missed.

The McGee show had humor with or without voices. "Molly" played at least two parts and Fibber didn't need anyone to talk to. There were several parts played on the show that required no actors at all: Myrt, the telephone operator; Molly's Uncle Dennis, regularly referred to, but seldom seen (heard regularly for only 1 season); Fred Nitney, heard from in letters; and Sweetie Face, Mrs Wallace Wimple. The running gags were too numerous to mention (McGee's closet, etc.).

The Fibber McGee and Molly show was last heard in 1957. The Jordans continued to do guest spots on radio well into 1959. It's difficult to know how many more miles they might have gone together had it not been for Marian's failing health and untimely death in April, 1961. In that same month 27 years later Jim went to join his *Leading Lady*.



SWAP SHOP

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Hugh Miller 206-487-3047, mornings.

6400 Maltby Rd Woodinville, Washington 98072

Blue 01As. Grille cloth for Philco 60 cathedral, Antenna coil/tap switch for AK 10C breadboard, 1916-1950s Radio Retailing & similar magazines to buy or borrow. 7" console television sets. 1948 Emerson 10" TV chassis with channel one.

Sony owners manuals for TC-666B & TC-580

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Emerson 558 pocket portable with good batteries,
offer or trade. International Cadet Jr. pocket
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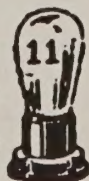
Roberts 770A stereo recorder \$35. Saba Lindau
small German wood AM-FM-SW \$20.

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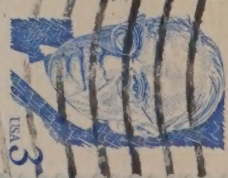
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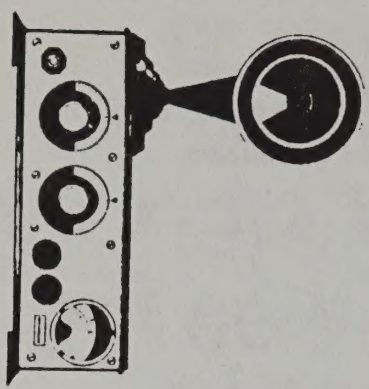


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